

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF CITY HALL**

I. Call To Order

Mayor Hutchinson called the City Council of Columbia, Illinois to order at 7:00 P.M. Upon roll call vote, the following were:

Ebersohl	Present	Huch	Present
Agne	Present	Mathews	Present
Niemietz	Present	Reis	Present
Roessler	Present	Holtkamp	Present

Quorum present. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Administrative Staff present:

City Clerk Wes Hoeffken	City Administrator James Morani
City Attorney Terry Bruckert	Building Inspector Justin Osterhage
Dir. of Community and Economic Dev. Paul Ellis	Accounting Manager Linda Sharp
Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens	Plan Commissioner Russell Horsley

II. Delegations and Citizens' Comments

There were no delegations present at the meeting.

III. Read and Approve Minutes

A. Regular Meeting

The minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held Tuesday, February 17, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held Tuesday, February 17, 2015 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

B. Executive Session

The minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Tuesday, February 17, 2015 were submitted for approval.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Niemietz, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session of the City Council held Tuesday, February 17, 2015 as on file at City Hall.

Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

IV. **Report of Departments and Officers**

A. Plan Commission

The Plan Commission Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 23, 2015 were presented by Commissioner Russell Horsley.

B. Building and Zoning

1. Ordinance No. 3167 - Zoning Code Variance at 525 Micah's Way

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Huch, and seconded by Alderman, Ebersohl, to pass and approve Ordinance No. 3167, an ordinance granting a Zoning Code Variance to Steve and Brandy Menning for their single family residential property located at 525 Micah's Way in the City of Columbia, Illinois to reduce the Rear Yard Setback from the required thirty (30) foot to nineteen (19) foot. Motion Passed 9 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Mayor Hutchinson	Yea

C. Community & Economic Development

The monthly report of Community & Economic Development was presented by Director Paul Ellis.

1. Ordinance No. 3168 - City Parks and Recreation Responsibilities and Obligations Agreement

Mr. Ellis requested this ordinance be tabled until some minor changes be made to the agreement

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to table the approval of Ordinance No. 3168, an ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois to execute an agreement with the Columbia Athletic Association, the Columbia Khoury League, and Columbia Unit School District 4 to memorialize the Responsibilities and Obligations of each group and the City regarding parks and recreation in the City of Columbia, Illinois. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

D. Public Works

The monthly report of the Public Works department was presented by Interim Director of Public Works Tim Ahrens.

1. Bolm-Schuhkraft Tennis Court Rehabilitation Proposal

Mr. Ahrens explained that McConnell & Associates is the sole source provider in the St. Louis area for the Premier Mat System, the product used previously to rehabilitate the other tennis courts. Mr. Ahrens provided a cost proposal of \$74,345.00 from McConnell & Associates, which is lower than the budgeted amount of \$80,000.00.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with McConnell & Associates of St. Louis, Missouri to provide materials and labor necessary to rehabilitate the Bolm-Schuhkraft tennis courts per their cost proposal of \$74,345.00. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Niemietz, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to waive the bidding process for the Bolm-Schuhkraft tennis court rehabilitation project since McConnell & Associates is the sole source provider for this type of materials and services. Motion Passed 9 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea	Mayor Hutchinson	Yea

2. Capital Improvement Projects to be Funded with Proposed Non-Home Rules Sales Tax Revenues

Mr. Ahrens provided an updated list of capital improvement projects to the Council.

E. Finance Department

1. Vouchers To Be Paid

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to authorize the payment of vouchers received through February 26, 2015 in the amount of two hundred forty-nine thousand, six hundred eighty-one dollars and eighty-nine cents (\$249,681.89). Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

2. Statement of Funds

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Roessler, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to approve the Statement of Funds through January 31, 2015 as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

F. City Attorney

City Attorney Terry Bruckert had nothing to report.

G. City Administrator

The monthly report of the City Administrator was presented by Mr. James Morani.

1. Engagement Letter for Labor/Employment Legal Services - The Lowenbaum Partnership, L.L.C.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Holtkamp, to accept and approve the Engagement Letter from The Lowenbaum Partnership, L.L.C., to provide Labor and Employment Legal Services to the City of Columbia, Illinois, as required. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

2. Engagement Letter for Labor/Employment Legal Services - Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard P.C.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Holtkamp, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to accept and approve the Engagement Letter from Sandberg Phoenix & Von Gontard P.C., to provide Labor and Employment Legal Services to the City of Columbia, Illinois, as required. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

H. Mayor

The monthly report of the Mayor was presented by Mayor Hutchinson.

1. Resolution 18-2014 - Protect Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Reis, to pass and approve Resolution No. 18-2014, a resolution urging the Governor and General Assembly to protect full funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Agne, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to approve the report of Departments and Officers as presented and on file at City Hall. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Voice vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

V. Old Business

There was no old business brought before the Council.

VI. New Business

A. Monroe County Bicentennial Celebration

Alderman Niemietz inquired if anyone had received information regarding the Monroe County Bicentennial Celebration. Mr. Ellis stated he has some information regarding the celebration and suggested the City become involved with the planning. Mayor Hutchinson directed Mr. Ellis to forward any information he has onto the Council.

B. Computer Virus

Alderman Reis reminded everyone to be watchful for computer viruses and stated he had received an email from someone from the County EMA office which contained a zip file. Upon investigation, the email was sent as a result of a virus.

VII. Report of Standing Committees

There were no Standing Committee reports.

VIII. Call for Committee Meetings

Monday, March 9, 2015

7:00 P.M. - Committee of the Whole

IX. Executive Session

Mayor Hutchinson informed the Council that he would entertain a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Ebersohl, to direct the Mayor to go into Executive Session at 7:27 P.M. to discuss personnel issues. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

Motion:

It was moved by Alderman Ebersohl, and seconded by Alderman Huch, to return to Regular Session of the City Council at 7:46 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		

Upon return to Regular Session, Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis, Holtkamp, and Mayor Hutchinson were present.

Mayor Hutchinson inquired if there was any action to be taken by the Council as a result of the Executive Session. There was none.

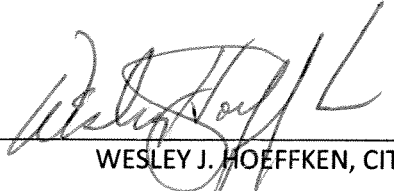
X. Adjournment

Motion:

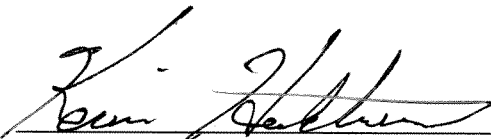
It was moved by Alderman Reis, and seconded by Alderman Agne, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting held Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:47 P.M. Motion Passed 8 to 0.

Roll Call vote results:

Ebersohl	Yea	Agne	Yea	Niemietz	Yea
Roessler	Yea	Huch	Yea	Mathews	Yea
Reis	Yea	Holtkamp	Yea		



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN, CITY CLERK



MAYOR KEVIN B. HUTCHINSON